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EXPANSION OF AIRPORTS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;GANTA SRINIVASA RAO;GUNIPATI RAMAIAH;SONTOSH MOHAN DEV

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand and develop Gannavaram Airport in Andhra Pradesh, Madurai Airport in Tamil Nadu and Kumbigram Airport at Silchar;

(b) whether there is a plan to extend the runway and equip them with night landing facility; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a), (b) & (c) :- At Gannavaram (Vijayawada) Airport, strengthening of existing runway, construction of new apron and link taxiway and allied works, renovation and modification of existing terminal building to cater to 50 arriving and 50 departing passengers at a time have already been completed in 1999-2000. There is, however, no proposal for extension of runway and provision of ground lighting facility owing to no requirements from scheduled airlines.

At Madurai Airport, there is a proposal for extension of runway from 5900 feet to 7500 feet. Out of requirement of 60 acres of land for the same, 12 acres of land has already been transferred by the State Government and the balance land is likely to be transferred by April - May, 2003. The work would be started during 2003-04 subject to transfer of entire land.

At Kumbhigram Airport in Silchar, there is proposal for strengthening and extension of runway to 7500 feet, construction of isolation bay, expansion of civil apron, new link taxiway, provision of ground lighting facility, Instrument Landing system etc. Required 34 acres of land has already been taken over and work is likely to be started after obtaining some necessary approvals. The execution period for this work is two years from the date of commencement.